

NANCY BARGER.

JUNE 18, 1898.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. GIBSON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4451.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the Senate act (S. 4451) granting a pension to Nancy Barger, have examined the same and all the evidence, and report:

The Senate act proposes to pension Nancy Barger, of Roland, Pa., at \$12 per month.

The Senate report states the facts and is as follows:

[Senate Report No. 972, Fifty-fifth Congress, second session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill granting a pension to Nancy Barger, have examined the same and report:

The claimant herein is the widow of George Barger, late a private in Capt. Jacob Fryer's company, Pennsylvania Infantry; also mother of John Barger, late of Company D, Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and Company H, Fourth Pennsylvania Infantry, who enlisted April 19, 1861, and was honorably discharged July 27, 1861, and then reenlisted September 23, 1861, was discharged October 20, 1864, and died December 28, 1891. Said son was not married and left no widow or children surviving him. Claimant is the mother of five boys, four of whom were in the late war of the rebellion. The death of her son John, who was sole support after her husband's death, leaves her now without support, excepting what she receives from friends and neighbors.

From an examination of the papers it is disclosed that she will be on the 7th day of May (next month), 1898, 105 years old, and that she is nearly blind and badly crippled. Her present residence is Roland, Center County, State of Pennsylvania.

She made application as a dependent mother, but was rejected "on the ground of failure after reasonable time to furnish the necessary evidence to prove the origin of the disability during army service." Although from the papers it would seem to be shown that said disabilities had resulted from army service, and although her dependence seemed to be clearly proven under the act of June 27, 1890, still the Commissioner of Pensions held that the claim should be rejected. Claimant drew a pension as the widow of her husband, George Barger, but was dropped from the roll on account of error in allowance based upon failure to show death to be the result of army service.

In view of the above facts your committee report favorably upon said bill and recommend its passage with an amendment.

Her husband served in the war of 1812.

Your committee report the bill back with the recommendation that it pass when amended as follows:

In line 4 strike out the words "restore to" and insert in lieu thereof the words "place on."

